AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating with a computer management device, the method comprising:

defining, at a host computer managed by the computer management device, one or more vendor specific commands ~~for communicating with the management device~~, said vendor specific commands conforming to a first communication standard; ~~and~~

emulating a device at the management device, the emulated device conforming to a second communication standard;

transmitting, from the host computer, the one or more vendor specific commands to the ~~management device~~ emulated device over a communications link between the host computer and the management device, the communications link conforming to ~~a second~~ the second communication standard;

receiving the one or more vendor specific commands at the management device;

determining, at the management device, whether the one or more vendor specific commands are intended for the emulated device; and

in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are not intended for the emulated device, utilizing the received vendor specific commands for communicating with the management device.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, ~~further comprising~~ wherein utilizing the received vendor specific commands for communicating with the management device in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are not intended for the emulated device comprises utilizing data contained in the received vendor specific commands to configure the management device ~~in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are not destined for the emulated device~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein utilizing data contained in the received vendor specific commands to ~~configuring~~ configure the management device comprises

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setting a network address of the management device based upon ~~the contents~~ contents of the received vendor specific commands.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, ~~further comprising in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are not destined for the emulated device~~ wherein utilizing the received vendor specific commands for communicating with the management device in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are not intended for the emulated device comprises:

determining ~~the~~ coordinates of a user input cursor on a remote computer system; and

returning the coordinates to the host computer in response to the received vendor specific commands.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the first communication standard comprises the SCSI standard, the second communication standard comprises the USB standard, and wherein the emulated device comprises a USB mass storage device.

7. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of claim 1.

8. (Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of claim 1.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating with a computer management device, the method comprising:

emulating a mass storage device at the management device, the mass storage device made available on a communication link between the management device and a host computer managed by the management device, the communication link conforming to a first communication standard;

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receiving at the management device, from the host computer, one or more vendor specific commands directed toward the mass storage device, the vendor specific commands conforming to a second communication standard and transmitted to the management device over the communication link conforming to the first standard;

determining, at the management device, whether the received vendor specific commands are intended for communicating with the emulated mass storage device or for communicating with the management device; and

in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are intended for communicating with the management device, utilizing the received vendor specific commands for communicating with the management device.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the first communication standard comprises the USB standard and wherein the second communication standard comprises the SCSI standard.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim 10~~ Claim 9, wherein the emulated mass storage device comprises an emulated CD-ROM device on a USB communication link.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim 11~~ Claim 9, wherein utilizing the received vendor specific commands comprises utilizing the vendor specific commands to configure the management device.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim 11~~ Claim 9, further comprising in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are intended for communicating with the management device:

determining ~~the coordinates~~ coordinates of a user input cursor on a remote computer system; and

returning the coordinates to the host computer in response to the received vendor specific commands.

14. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of claim 9.

15. (Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of claim 9.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for managing a computer, the system comprising:

a computer supporting a ~~first~~ communication link that conforms to a first communication standard, the computer operative to transmit one or more vendor specific commands that conform to a second communication standard over the ~~first~~ communication link; and

a management device for managing the computer, the management device connected to the computer via the ~~first~~ communication link, the management device operative to:

emulate a mass storage device on the ~~first~~ communication link,

~~to receive~~ receive the vendor specific commands from the computer directed toward the mass storage device,

~~to determine~~ determine whether the received vendor specific commands are intended for communicating with the emulated mass storage device or for communicating with the management device, and

~~to utilize~~ utilize the received vendor specific commands for communicating with the management device in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are intended for communicating with the management device.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 16, wherein the first communication standard comprises the USB standard and wherein the second communication standard comprises the SCSI standard.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~Claim 17~~ Claim 16, wherein the emulated mass storage device comprises an emulated CD-ROM device on a USB communication link.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~Claim 18~~ Claim 16, wherein the management device is further operative to utilize the received vendor specific commands to configure the management device in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are intended for communicating with the management device.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~Claim 18~~ Claim 16, wherein in response to determining that the one or more vendor specific commands are intended for communicating with the management device, the management device is further operative to:

determine ~~the~~ coordinates of a user input cursor on a remote computer system; ~~and to~~ and

return the coordinates to the computer in response to the received vendor specific commands.